

CRISIS NOTES

U-2

U-2 60/64

1 May: flight

3 May: US cover story

5 May: K speech discloses shootdown.

Ind. Thompson: a low official told a foreign diplomat that pilot was being questioned.

(If SC revelation was inadvertent, the message my have led them to announce Powers' capture sooner than otherwise, 7 May?)

7 May: K speech on Powers.

Thompson: recommends we admit impropriety of U-2 flight and stress our desire to make progress on disarmament and other political questions at summit; concern that incident might have adverse effect on She's visit to USSR.

[If K "preempted" us, and would not have without T message — might we have announced ourselves, given T message? Was his 7 May speech a surprise?]



Cuba:

Might have gotten 22 Oct speech on 21 Oct.



## Curent Statements on U-2 over Cuba

Know making public warnings general, vague;  
 in private (Pearson, ~~Bunker~~ Benton, Kaag, Norwegians;  
~~Both~~ Cubans privately) very specific: 1) No action till  
 after elections; 2) the shootdowns (indigenous on control),  
 low support (<sup>inside</sup> low subs in area), crisis.

Why privacy of warnings? 1) To make it easier for  
 K to back off from threats? (But, they are made public;  
 though pressure on Pearson not to reveal).

2) To ~~not~~ keep from forcing a public response and deeper  
 commitment by Johnson; and to make it possible  
 (less impossible) for Johnson to reduce commitment,  
 back away